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LETTER DATED 27 FEBRUARY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from Mr. Tariq Aziz, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, addressed to Your Excellency.

I should be grateful if you would kindly have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dr. Abdul-Amir AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 27 February 1991 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to notify you that the Iraqi Government reaffirms its agreement to comply fully with Security Council resolution 660 (1990). The Iraqi armed forces have started to withdraw to the positions they were in prior to 1 August 1990. It is hoped that the withdrawal will be fully completed within the next few hours, notwithstanding the continued attacks by American and other forces on the Iraqi armed forces during the withdrawal process.

I should like to inform you further that the Iraqi Government agrees to comply with resolutions 662 (1990) and 674 (1990) if the Security Council adopts a resolution providing for an immediate cease-fire and the cessation of all military operations on land, at sea and in the air and if it is deemed that the bases on which Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), 665 (1990) and 670 (1990) were adopted no longer exist and that those resolutions consequently are no longer in effect.

The Iraqi Government also affirms its full readiness to release all the prisoners of war immediately after the cease-fire and to return them to their home countries within a very short period of time in accordance with the Third Geneva Convention of 1949, under the auspices of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

I should be grateful if you would kindly bring this letter immediately to the attention of the Security Council and have it circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Tariq AZIZ
Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister for Foreign Affairs